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AFDROUGHT

E.O. 11652: N/A
SUBJ: PROPOSED VISITS OF FEI/HOBSON AND MIT

REF: A) STATE 217795 (NOTAL); B) OUAGA 2293 (NOTAL);
C) OUAGA 2304 (NOTAL)

1. AS INDICATED IN REF C, DAKOURE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT PROPOSED MIT VISIT TO SAHEL CAN EFFECTIVELY TAKE PLACE PRIOR TO RETURN OF SAHEL MINISTERS TO THEIR CAPITALS FOLLOWING UPCOMING FAO MEETINGS IN ROME. DAKOURE SAID HE WILL NOT KNOW EXACT DATES FOR SAHEL DROUGHT DISCUSS-IONS ON FAO AGENDA UNTIL LATE THIS WEEK. HE ANTICIPATES, HOWEVER, THAT ROME DISCUSSIONS WILL NECESSITATE HIS ABSENCE FROM OUAGADOUGOU FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS
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BEGINNING PRESUMABLY LATER THIS MONTH. HE SAID FULL

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FAO SESSION FOLLOWING CURRENT FAO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
MEETING WOULD BEGIN NOVEMBER 10 AND LAST SIX WEEKS.
IBRAHIMA KONATE HAS ALREADY LEFT OUAGADOUGOU FOR ROME.

2. DAKOURE AGREED CONTACT HIS MINISTERIAL COUNTERPARTS
IN CILSS TO SEEK THEIR ADVICE CONCERNING REQUESTED IDEN-
TIFICATION OF AFRICAN OFFICIALS, TECHNICIANS AND
SCHOLARS WHO COULD COLLABORATE WITH MIT OVER COMING
MONTHS, AS WELL AS THOSE WHO MIGHT PARTICIPATE IN UP-
COMING MIT VISIT. BELIEVE DAKOURE NOT ONLY WILLING
BUT WOULD INSIST THAT CILSS ACT AS HOST AND ISSUE INVIT-
ATIONS. DAKOURE AGREES HOWEVER THAT THREE INDIVIDUALS
IDENTIFIED IN PARA C OF ADAMS MESSAGE BE CONTACTED DIR-
ECTLY BY MIT OR AID. HE SAID HE KNEW NONE OF THEM. HE
WOULD PASS THEIR NAMES TO HIS COLLEAGUES BUT ANTICIPATED
NO PROBLEM. BELIEVE HW WILL WISH INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE
REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH CILSS MEMBER COUNTRY. DAKOURE
PROMISED CONTACT HIS CILSS HOMOLOGUES BY TELEGRAM BUT
DID NOT ANTICIPATE THEY COULD EFFECTIVELY DISCUSS ARRANGE-
MENTS TOGETHER UNTIL THEY MEET IN ROME. HE SAID THEY
PLANNED HAVE "MEETING OF CILSS COUNCIL OF MINISTERS"
DURING ROME MEETING.

3. DAKOURE SUGGESTS THAT BEST WAY TO COORDINATE ARRANGE-
MENTS FOR MIT VISIT WOULD BE FOR ADVANCE TEAM (FEI,
HOBSON, ET AL) MEET WITH HIM AND OTHER MINISTERS, NOT
RPT NOT IN OUAGADOUGOU, BUT RATHER IN ROME ON DATE HE
HOPES SOON BE ABLE PROPOSE.

4. DAKOURE DOES NOT UNDERSTAND RATIONALE BEHIND PRO-
POSAL THAT MIT TEAM SPEND MAJOR PORTION THEIR TIME IN
UPPER VOLTA AND MALI. HE PREFERS THAT, IF ALL COUNTRIES
CANNOT BE VISITED AND ONLY TWO CHOSEN FOR CONCENTRATION,
THESE TWO BE PERHAPS MALI/CHAD OR MAURITANIA/CHAD.

5. ACCORDING TO DAKOURE, SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE ON THE
SAHEL NOW BEING TENTATIVELY PLANNED FOR THE LAST QUARTER
OF 1974 IN DAKAR. WHEN ASKED WHETHER THIS WAS THE
CONFERENCE THAT MORSE HAD TALKED ABOUT ORGANIZING,
DAKOURE POINTEDLY REPLIED THAT THE CILSS WOULD TAKE THE
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INITIATIVE TO CALL THE CONFERENCE, WITH EITHER THE FAO
OR THE SSO (VIZ. MORSE) BEING MANDATED BY THE CILSS TO
HANDLE THE ARRANGEMENTS. AS FOR A CONFERENCE OF DONORS WHICH
WE UNDERSTAND HAS BEEN PROPOSED FOR JANUARY OR FEBRUARY, DAKOURE
SAID HE WAS CONFUSED BY THE PLETHORA OF PROPOSED CON-
FERENCES AND HAD ASKED MORSE TO ADVISE HIM OF THE DATES
AND PURPOSES OF ALL UPCOMING MEETINGS ON SAHEL PROBLEMS.
HE SAID HE HAD TOLD MORSE THAT SAHEL MINISTERS WERE SO

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BUSY ATTENDING CONFERENCES THAT THEY COULD NOT DO THEIR JOBS AT HOME. (COMMENT: NO COMMENT.)

6. DAKOURE TOOK PAINS TO REPEAT FOR OUR BENEFIT WHAT HE SAID HE HAD TOLD MIT IN WASHINGTON, I.E., THAT HE LOOKED TO MIT FOR "NEW SOLUTIONS," NOT RPT NOT "FRENCH SOLUTIONS IN MIT COSTUME." REFERENCE WAS TO SEDES COLLABORATION. WE EXPLAINED REASONS FOR MIT DISCUSSIONS IN PARIS. DAKOURE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD. (COMMENT: UNLESS CAREFULLY HANDLED, PARTICIPATION BY FRENCH EXPERTS IN MIT VISIT TO SAHEL MAY CREATE PROBLEMS WITH DAKOURE. EQUALLY TO BE AVOIDED, HOWEVER, IS IMPRESSION THAT MIT NEITHER SPEAKS FRENCH NOR CAN READILY TAP RECOGNIZED SOURCES OF EXPERTISE ON SAHEL PROBLEMS.)

7. DAKOURE SAID HE WAS "PLEASANTLY SURPRISED" BY EXCELLENT UNDERSTANDING AND COLLABORATION EVIDENCED ON ALL SIDES DURING US VISIT. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN CONCERNED THAT MIDDLE EAST CRISIS AND INTERNAL US PROBLEMS WOULD REDUCE EFFECTIVENESS OF LAMIZANA MISSION. SUCH WAS NOT RPT NOT THE CASE. HE SAID THE PROBLEM NOW IS "TO TRANSLATE PROMISES INTO CONCRETE ACTIONS."

8. DAKOURE STRESSED THAT MIT'S PROJECTIONS AND EVENTUAL CONCLUSIONS MUST BE WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF RAPPORT-PROGRAMME OF SEPTEMBER CILSS MEETINGS IN OUAGADOUGOU. (COMMENT: THIS IS DAKOURE'S USUAL LINE, AND IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOLITIC THIS MORNING TO REMIND HIM OF THE WEAKNESSES AND GAPS IN THE RAPPORT-PROGRAMME WHICH MUST SURELY BE EXAMINED BY MIT TEAM IF THEY ARE TO PRODUCE SOMETHING "NEW." SUCH GAPS INCLUDE, INTER ALIA, LACK OF BASIC POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR EXPLOITATION OF WATER RESOURCES, LACK OF SUFFICIENTLY CLEAR RECOGNITION OF CONFIDENTIAL

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RELATIONSHIP OF ANIMAL POPULATION TO PASTURE, LITTLE RECOGNITION OF POSSIBLE IMPORTANCE OF SEDENTARIZING LIVESTOCK HERDERS, ALL TO FACILE ASSUMPTION THAT HERDS MUST BE "REBUKLT" WITHOUT CONSIDERATION OF EXTENT OR QUALITY OF REBUILDING OR OF PREDATORY ROLE OF GOATS, NO REFERENCE TO PROBLEM OF POPULATION GROWTH WHICH THREATENS TO NEGATE ALL DEVELOPMENTAL ACTION, ETC.)
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